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Thesis Statement

Sequential Development

1967-1969 Camaro

There is a lot of talk about when the first Camaro was introduced, Chevy started working on something that could compete with the ford’s mustang that was introduced in 1964. In 1966 the first Camaro was put on the market for the consumer. I had some prior knowledge about the 60’s camaros, like the engines that were dropped into them, some interior and exterior adjustments that they made over the years. I choose this topic because it interests me, in that they were some of the first “muscle cars.”

In 1967 the Camaro came out and was introduced to the public on September 26th 1966. But several packages were not available, like the RPO-Z28 Special Performance package. And the 396-cid displacement engine for Camaro SS model, (Super Sport). When it was introduced it only came with a 350-cid engine. But in November 1966 the 396-cid engine was available with the SS package. The 1967 Camaro was the only one with side vent windows, and it’s the only one that had single leaf rear springs. (1967 Camaro)

In 1968 was close to 67 styles. But had its own options and new packages. For instances the 68’ had a restyled center console and secondary gage package. The 68’ was also the first to offer Astro ventilation and didn’t offer the vent windows associated with the 67’. Like the 67’ the 68’ used the dash board location for the ignition. Cloth upholstery was used for the first time in the 68’ model, with the famous hounds tooth pattern in black and white check. Four wheel disc brakes for the 68’ weren’t factory although you could have them installed at the dealership or install them yourself, by getting them over the counter. The 68’ offer two different styles of hoods, one for the 396 model and a different one for the 350 model. The one for the 396 it had two inserts which each had four simulated carburetion stacks. And for the 350 model it had two thin-ribbed, decorative stacks. (1968 Camaro)

The 1969 Camaro was the highest selling camero selling 243,085. It received a complete make-over compared to the 67 and 68 camaro. The wheel wells were flattened to give it more an aggressive look. The grille was redone, and the designers gave it sharper angles. According to Brian Brown, the 427-cid engine never appeared in the 69’ camaro straight out of the factory. But special orders were made to have them installed. Cars with the 427-cid in them were known as COPO’S (Central Office Production Order). Four wheel disc brakes became factory for the 69’ and the 69’ was also the first year to offer two-tone paint. (1969 Camaro)

In conclusion, the 67’-69’ camaros have things that vary between the years but in general they kept the same body styles, and engine. Only switching from the 350 to the 396 only in 68’ in my opinion the 1969 camaro was the best of the overall production. It featured more luxuries, meaner looking body style, and a more powerful engine which captures the eye, and makes you stop and listen to the purr of the engine.

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